Action plan to deal with insurgency situation

2797. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to deal with the insurgency situation in consultation with the concerned States; and

(b) the types of assistance, including financial, provided to the affected States during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and interlinked and externally supported subversive activities of militant groups in some States of the North East are the major areas of concern. 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and maintenance of law and order is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government keeps a close watch on the various development in the internal security scenario of the country and has been regularly sensitizing all State Governments and concerned agencies regarding activities of terrorists/militants. Intelligence is shared with States and support is provided by way of deployment of Central Para Military Forces, financial assistance for modernization of State Police Forces, reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, as per approved guidelines etc.

Electrification of villages in Andhra Pradesh

2798. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to complete rural electrification by 2007;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the number of villages that are going to be electrified in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the next two years; and

(d) the total amount allocated to the whole project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Finance Minister, in his Budget speech on Union Budget 2001-02, has announced a package of initiatives to improve the power distribution system in rural areas. This includes completion of electrification of bulk of the remaining villages in the next six years *i.e.* by the year 2007; extension of assistance to the States for village electrification works under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) whose funding is being augmented; stepping up credit support from the Rural Electrification Corporation to SEBs for speedy electrification of *dalit bastis*, electrification of households of Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of society on priority; improving the quality of power supply in villages, augmentation of distribution networks in rural areas supported by REC under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP); earmarking a sum of atleast Rs. 750 crore out of RIDF for rural electrification works and augmenting the resources of REC by allowing it to float capital gains tax exemption bonds along with NABARD and NHAI under Section 54 EC of the Income Tax Act.

(c) and (d) As per CEA, all the villages in Andhra Pradesh have been electrified as on 31.1.2001. However, the proposals relating to intensive rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh would also get covered under the package of initiatives along with other States.

Electrification of tribal villages in NER

2799. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 165 tribal villages of the North-Eastern Region will be electrified during the current financial year under the scheme of Rural Electrification;

(b) if so, the funds sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) whether the works has actually been started and if not, by when it is likely to start?